



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alberte, R. et al. Serial No: 09/405,269 Filed: 23 September 1999 For: <i>Safe and Effective Biofilm Inhibitory Compounds and Health-Related Uses Thereof</i>	Examiner: Yamnitzky, M. Art Unit: 1774 Attorney Docket No. CEA-004.01
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**Amendment & Response**

Dear Examiner Yamnitzky:

In response to the outstanding Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed August 27, 2003, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response.

**Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**